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Idaho Milk Production up 7.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during June 2006 totaled 923 million pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 16 million pounds from May 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for May 2006 totaled 939 million pounds, up 3 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 9.3 percent above May 2005. Average milk production per cow in June 2006 was 1,900 pounds, down 40 pounds from May 2006, but unchanged from June 2005. The average number of milk cows during June was 486,000 head, up 2,000 head from May 2006, and up 35,000 head from June 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14 billion pounds, up 1.9 percent from June 2005. May revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from May 2005. The May revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,695 pounds for June, 5 pounds above June 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.27 million head, 128,000 head more than June 2005, and 9,000 head more than May 2006.

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